

PETERED OUT.

A PORTLAND special tells of the death of the *Northwest News*. Its demise was only a question of time, as it has been more than usually weak and debilitated for several months. It died of marasmus. We do not know of any newspaper that ever started under more favorable auspices than did the *News* in January, '83. There was a deep-seated dislike against the *Oregonian* partly because of its action in the Mitchell fight, partly "on general principles," there was a spirit of prosperity that made business boom and lent wings to speculation; there was considerable capital behind the new concern and it started with great éclat, with an amount of advertising patronage and a subscription list that seemed to justify its assertion that it had come to stay. But it soon gave evidence of lack of brains. People who looked to its editorial columns for ideas, found rapid, second-hand news; men who expected a liberal treatment of current topics were disappointed by unmistakable evidence that it had all the inclination however much it lacked the ability to be a disorganizer of society; others who wanted the news were compelled to seek it in the columns of the paper it sought to supplant, and it lost confidence and prestige from the start. When the money ran out and the paper had to stand on its own merits it demonstrated the total absence of all merit and from that its downward course was rapid.

The starting of such a newspaper as that involves considerable outlay; its expenses are considerable, and it is a costly toy; probably \$80,000 was sunk in the *News* during the fourteen months it was in existence, and that it did not succeed is due more to lack of management than any other reason.

Among other subjects of discussion in the National Woman Suffrage convention recently in session in Washington was the question how to best aid the cause in Oregon at the coming June election. It was wisely decided that "money was needed," and that money should be furnished. So that the advent of the fair sex into politics in this state is to be characterized by one of the "enormities" that are constantly preached against. It is universally conceded that the use of money in politics is very terrible and awfully demoralizing, but it is one thing to preach and another to practice.

It sounds funny to read in one of our eastern Oregon exchanges a distribute against Jay Gould, and a demand that the government buy the telegraph lines and free the country from the machinations of the wily Jay, when it is a patent fact that that clever man has been trying for the last three years to dispose of his telegraph stock to the U. S. government at a price far beyond its real value.

"News" is always in order and enterprise in the gathering thereof is to be commended, but it looks like a stretching of the matter to telegraph, as in yesterday's *Oregonian*, the fact that a couple in San Francisco, not otherwise notorious, had "given up housekeeping and taken rooms at the Grand." In the language of Sam Weller, "What ho! it!"

It would be interesting to know what will be the issue between the two great national parties in next summer's presidential fight. It looked for a while as though the tariff were looming prominently, but at this writing something to quarrel about seems to be as scarce as presidential candidates. In the meantime the country is safe.

The mayor of New York City has written a letter of thanks to a Portland fish merchant, handsomely acknowledging the receipt of a beautiful Columbia river spring salmon. Little do the swimming millions of sea nurtured salmon now en route for the river realize the splendid advertisement that Gotham's foremost man has given them.

The mortgage tax and Judge Deady's recent decision thereon furnish all the state papers with themes for discussion. The tax is like all summary legislation. An attempt to enforce it so demonstrated its lack of wisdom that the state is now clamorous for its repeal.

It is not impossible that a brief time may show the Bismarck snub to be the best lesson our statesmen have learned in many years. It might be well to have painted and hung up in the national capital a large picture of the Bismarck snub.

On the principle that "a national debt is a national blessing," a good many eastern journals argue that we are paying off the public debt too fast. It is, however, our private debts that worry the most of us.

When the spring time comes the czar of Russia expects to shake hands with the emperor of Germany. He will observe great caution, for he knows that Bismarck's country is loaded to the muzzle.

THE proposed constitution for the state of Montana provides that the governor shall be paid \$3,000 per year, the secretary of state \$2,200, and other executive officers \$2,000 each.

NEW TO-DAY.

PROPOSALS FOR TRANSPORTATION. HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE COAST AND GEODYSY, OFFICE OF CHIEF QUARTERMASTER, VANCOUVER BARRACKS, W. T., March 8, 1884.

SEALED PROPOSALS, IN TRIPlicate, subject to the usual conditions, will be received at this office, until 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, April 2, 1884, at which time and place they will be opened in the presence of a board, for the transportation of military supplies on the following described routes during year commencing July 1, 1884, and ending June 30, 1885:

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Route No. 3.—P. Medford, Oregon, to Boise Barracks, I. T.
Route No. 4.—Kuna, I. T., to Boise Barracks, I. T.
Route No. 5.—Rathdrum, I. T., to Fort Conrad, Alaska, I. T.
Route No. 6.—Lewiston, I. T., to Fort Lapwai, I. T.

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Route No. 7.—For transportation of U. S. Military Supplies between Astoria and Fort Stevens, Oregon, and between Astoria and Vancouver, W. T.

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